GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DEMAND FOR SEPARATE BUDGET
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has demanded in certain quarters for presentation of separate budget for the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of merit and demerit of this demand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The Government have received a representation from Federation of Farmers Association, Hyderabad containing, inter-alia, the suggestion for `separate Union Budget presentation by Minister for Agriculture`.

(c): Agriculture being a State subject, the State Governments are primarily responsible for implementation of the policies and programmes for the development of agriculture in their respective States for which they have their own budgetary mechanisms. The Union Government supplements their efforts by devising programmes and policies and providing necessary funds to help the State Governments to achieve optimum results in terms of agricultural production and productivity. Budgetary allocations for the agriculture sector in the Union Government have shown a significant increase in 2005-06 and a number of new thrust areas have been identified for implementation.